

Appl. No. 10/065,463
Amdt. dated November 5, 2004
Reply to Office Action of August 5, 2004

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 4, 6-7, 13, and 21-24 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 2, 5, 8, and 14 have been amended, so that claims 2-3, 5, 8-12, 14-20, 25, and 26 are presently pending. Claims 5, 9, 14, and 25 are independent.

In the Office Action dated August 5, 2004, claims 9-12 and 25-26 are allowed and Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance. Additionally, claims 5 and 14-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As suggested in the Action, claims 5 and 14 have been rewritten in independent form and should therefore be in condition for allowance. Amended claims 2 and 8, and original claim 3 depend directly or indirectly from claim 5, and claims 15-20 depend from claim 14. Accordingly, dependent claims 15-20 should also be in condition for allowance.

Therefore, the present application should now be in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (800) 445-3460.


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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